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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the document listed thereon.

This Supplemental Information Statement is being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(e). Pursuant to the requirements of that rule, the

undersigned hereby states that the document cited therein was first cited in a foreign counterpart of this application not more than three months ago. It is therefore believed that no fee is required for this submission. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required or that a refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit any refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Written Opinion issued August 13, 2002 for the PCT counterpart of the present patent application (Application No. PCT/US01/18400), in which the presently disclosed reference was cited. Since an English abstract of the cited document is also enclosed, and the Written Opinion further discusses this document, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or

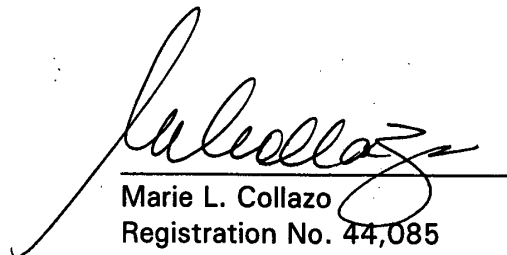
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The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, but the citation of such document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited document represents the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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